

The State Board of Education/State Board for Vocational Education held its regular meeting on Thursday, March 15, 2012, in the Cabinet Room of the John G. Townsend Building, Dover, Delaware.

Present were: Dr. Teri Quinn Gray, President; Jorge L. Melendez, Vice President; Gregory B. Coverdale, Jr., G. Patrick Heffernan, Barbara B. Rutt, Dr. Terry M. Whittaker, Dr. James L. Wilson and Dr. Lillian M. Lowery, Executive Secretary and Secretary of Education. Donna R. Johnson, who serves as the State Board's Executive Director, was also present.

Also in attendance were Catherine Hickey, Deputy Attorney General and legal counsel for the State Board of Education; Daniel E. Cruce, Deputy Secretary of Education/Chief of Staff; Dr. Linda Rogers, Associate Secretary for Teaching and Learning; Karen Field Rogers, Associate Secretary for Financial Reform and Resource Management and Dr. Amelia Hodges, Associate Secretary for College and Workforce Readiness.

Attending portions of the meeting in conjunction with agenda items: Dr. Daniel Curry, Lake Forest School District; Brenda Wynder, Lake Forest North Elementary, Lake Forest School District; Susan Piavis, Lake Forest East Elementary, Lake Forest School District; Corey Miklus, Nellie Stokes Elementary; Caesar Rodney School District; Chester Cox, Star Hill Elementary, , Caesar Rodney School District; David Hudson, Long Neck Elementary, Indian River School District; Susan Bunting, Indian River School District; Kathy Demarest, New Castle County Vo-Tech School District; Dr. Vicki Gehrt, New Castle County Vo-Tech School District, Dr. Stan Spoor, Howard High School, New Castle County Vo-Tech School District; Clifton Hayes, Howard High School, New Castle County Vo-Tech School District; Shanta Reynolds, Howard High School, New Castle County Vo-Tech District; Colleen Conaty, Howard High School, New Castle County Vo-Tech School District; Christiana Smith, Howard High School, New Castle County Vo-Tech School District; Dr. Michael Stetter, Diane Donohue, Dr. Ted Jarrell, Kim Wells, Alison Kepner, Noreen LaSorsa, Barbara Land, and John Carwell,

Also attending: John Hindman, Deputy Attorney General; Scott Reihm, Delaware Association of School Administrators (DASA); Patrick McKeon , Office of Management and Budget; Charles Michels, Professional Standards Board (PSB); Susan Francis, Delaware School Boards Association (DSBA); Melissa Hopkins, Rodel Foundation; Kristin Mullen, Governor’s Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC); Kendall Massett, Delaware Charter School Network; Nicole Harris, Newark Charter; Kathi Hamelin, Newark Charter; Stacey Clark, Campus Community School District; Trish Hermance, Campus Community School, Heidi Greene, Campus Community School; Lisa McMasters, Campus Community School; Dave Resler, Christina School District Board; John Young, Christina School District Board.

Call to Order

President Gray presided over the monthly meeting and called the March 15, 2012 meeting of the State Board of Education/State Board for Vocational Education to order at 1:02 p.m. She welcomed all guests to the State Board’s public meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Gray stated that the first item on the agenda was the approval of the agenda. She indicated that there was no addendum but noted a change in the order for the charter school agenda items. The Newark Charter modification will be the first charter item, followed by the other charter items listed in the agenda. A motion was made by Mr. Heffernan to approve the agenda with the change noted by Dr. Gray. The motion was seconded by Dr. Whittaker and carried with the following vote recorded:

Ayes:	Nays:
Dr. Gray	None.
Mr. Melendez	
Mr. Coverdale	
Mr. Heffernan	
Mrs. Rutt	
Dr. Whittaker	
Dr. Wilson	

Approval of Minutes

It was announced that the Board members received the minutes from the work session and regular meeting of February 16, 2012. Dr. Gray asked if there were any additions or revisions to the regular meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Dr. Whittaker to approve the minutes of the work session of February 16, 2012 as distributed. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wilson and carried with the following vote recorded:

Ayes:	Nays:	Abstention:
Dr. Gray	None.	Mr. Coverdale
Mr. Melendez		Mrs. Rutt
Mr. Heffernan		
Dr. Whittaker		
Dr. Wilson		

Mr. Coverdale and Mrs. Rutt abstained as they were not present at the work session.

A motion was made by Mr. Heffernan to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 16, 2012 as distributed. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wilson and carried with the following vote recorded:

Ayes:	Nays:	Abstention:
Dr. Gray	None.	Mrs. Rutt
Mr. Melendez		
Mr. Coverdale		
Mr. Heffernan		
Dr. Whittaker		
Dr. Wilson		

Mrs. Rutt abstained as she was not present at the meeting.

Formal Public Comment

It was indicated that this was the time the Board set aside for formal public comment. Dr. Gray announced that no individuals signed up to address the State Board.

Committee Reports

Mrs. Rutt attended the Board of Directors meeting for the Delaware School Boards Association (DSBA) and the workshop/clinic. She noted that the session

presented by Dave Williams on the Freedom of Information Act was well done and very informative.

Dr. Whittaker attended the public hearings for the modification requests for Campus Community, Delaware Academy of Public Safety and Security (DAPSS), Newark Charter and Odyssey Charter.

Mr. Melendez was the keynote speaker at Financial Aid Night at Seaford High School. The event was for parents and students and representatives from the University of Delaware and Wilmington University were on hand. Parents were very engaged in this first event and based on its success, additional career days will be scheduled. Mr. Melendez also attended the public hearings for the modification requests for Campus Community, DAPSS, Newark Charter and Odyssey.

Dr. Wilson attended the meeting on the modification request for Sussex Academy of Arts and Science and participated in Read Across America by reading to Kindergarten classes at Shields Elementary in the Cape Henlopen School District.

Mr. Heffernan participated in one of the conference calls concerning the ESEA waiver and noted it was very informative. He also attended the Brandywine Special Needs meeting that focused on students becoming self-advocates and transition services after age 21. Mr. Heffernan also attended the New Castle County Science Expo. He was disappointed in the decline of entrants especially with the current emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

Ms. Johnson indicated that her monthly activity report was placed in their meeting folders along with a legislative update, as requested by the Board. She highlighted some of her activities that focused on school involvement that included a visit she and Dr. Gray made to Delcastle High School and St. George's High School. East Side Charter School was also visited.

Ms. Johnson spoke of her work with a group on the charter school framework which will assist in the application and renewal process. Ms. Johnson also participated in Read Across America by reading a math story to students at Reilly Brown Elementary in the Caesar Rodney School District.

Dr. Gray stated she was very impressed with her visit to Delcastle and St. George's noting that students are focusing beyond high school and how to be college and career ready and realizing that college leads to career. Dr. Gray also attended the Delaware Teacher Forum where Delaware teachers of the year engaged in discussions on improving instructional practices. She also was the keynote speaker for the United Way's African American Initiative. The conference was titled "Give Us the Ballot" and Dr. Gray spoke as an educator, community leader and mom.

President Gray joined Mr. Heffernan in visiting the Pilot School to view programs for dyslexic students. She also spoke on Capitol Hill on behalf of the American Chemist Society on changing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) to STEAM which adds the Arts.

Strategic Plan

Dr. Gray explained that the Board was presented with the final draft of its Strategic Plan last month and no revisions were requested. After approval, the strategic plan will be placed on the Board's website.

A motion was made by Dr. Wilson to approve the amended State Board of Education Strategic Plan 2011-2015. The motion was seconded by Dr. Whittaker and carried unanimously with the following vote recorded:

Ayes:	Nays:
Dr. Gray	None.
Mr. Melendez	
Mr. Coverdale	
Mr. Heffernan	
Mrs. Rutt	
Dr. Whittaker	
Dr. Wilson	

Technology Items

Ms. Johnson updated the Board members on her conversations with DTI on the Board's proposal to enter into an agreement with eBoards as its paper free and board meeting management system. The Board was reminded of its presentation on eBoards

and also BoardDocs. Ms. Johnson highlighted the additional features offered by eBoards and thus the recommendation to enter into a software usage agreement with them.

A motion was made by Mrs. Rutt to approve the presented agreement with eBoards Solutions for electronic/paper free meeting management, pending final approval from the Department of Technology and Information, until June 30, 2013. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melendez and carried unanimously with the following vote recorded:

Ayes:	Nays:
Dr. Gray	None.
Mr. Melendez	
Mr. Coverdale	
Mr. Heffernan	
Mrs. Rutt	
Dr. Whittaker	
Dr. Wilson	

Ms. Johnson explained that once the agreement is signed, the Board's system will be set up within thirty days and training will be provided.

National and State Title I – Distinguished Schools

Dr. Gray stated that the Board would be recognizing some special guests at this time and the schools that were noted National or State Title I Distinguished Schools. Dr. Gray explained that Title I is the largest federally funded, pre-collegiate education program in the country, providing more than \$17 billion in federal aid to schools and districts serving students in poverty. The goal of Title I is to ensure that all children, especially those living in economically disadvantaged conditions, have the opportunity to receive a high quality education. Schools selected for national recognition must have a poverty rate of at least 35 percent for the selected year and have met or exceeded state standards for making adequate yearly progress for federal school accountability for two or more consecutive years.

Secretary Lowery joined Dr. Gray in recognizing these schools:

Delaware State Title I Distinguished Schools:

The Lake Forest North Elementary School in the Lake Forest School District was recognized and Brenda G. Wynder, principal of the school and Dr. Dan Curry,

District Superintendent received the State Board's Order of Excellence and the Secretary's Merit Award.

Long Neck Elementary School in the Indian River School District was recognized and David C. Hudson, principal of the school and Dr. Susan Bunting, District Superintendent received the State Board's Order of Excellence and the Secretary's Merit Award.

Star Hill Elementary School in the Caesar Rodney School District was recognized and Chester Cox, principal of the school received the State Board's Order of Excellence and the Secretary's Merit Award.

National Title 1 Distinguished Schools:

The Lake Forest East Elementary School in the Lake Forest School District was selected for its outstanding performance in closing the achievement gap between student groups. Susan Piavis, Principal of the school and Dr. Dan Curry, District Superintendent received the State Board's Order of Excellence and the Secretary's Merit Award.

Nellie H. Stokes Elementary School in the Caesar Rodney School District was selected for its outstanding performance in exceptional student achievement for two or more years. Corey Miklus, Principal of the school received the State Board's Order of Excellence and the Secretary's Merit Award.

Congratulations were extended.

DCAS Update

Dr. Michael Stetter, Director, Accountability Resources, provided an update on the DCAS Assessment. He noted that the spring testing window opened on February 27, 2012 and could continue through June 1st. The annual school and district accounting ratings process is scheduled for the June/July timeframe. Dr. Stetter explained that an expanded DCAS Summary for parents would be disseminated this June.

Dr. Stetter highlighted some of the guidelines and presentations that have been held for districts and schools. He also provided an updated on the DCAS-Alternate Assessment noting that the DCAS-Alternate assessment window is from April 16, 2012 through May 31, 2012. In other testing news, NAEP is scheduled for January through March 2013 for Grades 4 and 8 in Reading and Mathematics. Caveon Security has been contracted for a test security audit and will begin this April. Dr. Stetter also mentioned that the assessment schedule for 2012-2013 has been drafted and posted for comment.

The Board was informed that the Department was notified last year it would need to go through Peer Review which happens with any change in standards or assessment. Delaware has adopted the common core standards and has also changed its assessment. Documents are being mailed today and the Peer Review should take place this summer.

Review of Restructuring Plans for FY 2012-2013

Dr. Ted Jarrell and Kim Wells, Education Associates and Program Managers for the Title I, Part A program presented the Restructuring Plans for Warner Elementary, The Central School, Richardson Park Learning Center and Lake Forest High School as required by Section 10.3.4 of the State Regulations and in accordance with Section 1116(b)(8)(B) of the ESEA. These schools have not met AYP for consecutive years and must submit a plan indicating which restructuring option will be used to make changes in the school. The role of the State Board is to review and comment on these plans prior to final approval by the Secretary.

The Board was informed that if the Department receives its ESEA flexibility waiver from the U.S. Department of Education, these schools would not have to implement their restructuring plans. Dr. Jarrell commented that he believes the schools would continue with their plans and implementation even if the flexibility waiver is granted. The restructuring plans were highlighted for each school and it was noted that all schools selected the same option, “Implement any other major restructuring of the school’s governance arrangement that is consistent with the NCLB principles of restructuring.” The restructuring plans for these schools will be recommended to the Secretary for approval.

The Board recessed from 2:36 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Governor’s Education Agenda – Partnership Zone School

Staff from Howard High School, a Partnership Zone School, highlighted the four cornerstones of their Partnership Zone Plan. Presenting on behalf of the school was Dr. Stan Spoor, Principal; Clifton Hayes, Shanta Reynolds, Colleen Conaty, and Christiana Smith. District Superintendent, Dr. Vicki Gehrt and Kathy Demarest were also present.

Howard High School has outlined four cornerstones for success that focuses on instructional reform and teacher and leader effectiveness, instructional practice and extended learning time, flexible operating conditions and mechanisms for community and parent engagement. Dr. Spoor highlighted the 9th Grade Freshman Transition Academy and the 10th Grade Academy. Teachers in academic areas are assigned teams of students and teachers facilitate their professional development. The professional development focuses on implementation of research-based strategies such as Learning Focus.

As part of a review of its instructional practice a time audit was initiated at Howard and the school shifted to a nine period school day and added 25 minutes to the school day for students. Extended time opportunities were also offered to students and the Board learned of the school's Summer Bridge Program, where students attended classes in the summer, and summer home visits, where school personnel went to visit the parents of incoming students. The third cornerstone is flexible operating conditions and included redesigning the master schedule and hiring, transferring and reassigning staff. The final cornerstone highlighted by Dr. Spoor was Parent and Community Engagement and it explained that the school had a Parent Information Resource Center and also a school-based Parent Outreach Coordinator. Parents also receive bi-weekly progress reports and monthly behavior reports.

There was discussion on the progress the school has made and the fall to winter DCAS scores were highlighted. It was also explained that conversations with students and staff has shown that the changes are making a positive impact. Dr. Spoor stated that the change in adding the additional period also allowed students more opportunities to take additional elective courses. The school has also utilized best practices from other schools and replicated them for Howard. The Board was very impressed by the turnaround of Howard High School and invited Dr. Spoor to come back for a follow up presentation.

Secretary's Report, Review and Discussion

Secretary Lowery attended the International Education Summit hosted by the U.S. Department of Education, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and PISA. The Summit focused on teachers and leaders and how to make them effective

in reforming schools. Dr. Lowery stated that the Department is very excited about the performance evaluation review and would like to present it to the State Board at a future meeting. She noted that it was a phenomenal tool.

Department of Education Regulations

Diane Donohue, Special Assistant for Educator Effectiveness, and Dr. Amelia Hodges, Associate Secretary, College Workforce and Readiness Branch, presented the Department regulations.

106A Teacher Appraisal Process Delaware Performance Appraisal System (DPAS II) Revised (For Discussion)

The Secretary of Education is seeking the consent of the State Board of Education to amend 14 DE Admin. Code 106A Teacher Appraisal Process Delaware Performance Appraisal System (DPAS II) Revised. The amendments include adding definitions for a “DCAS Teacher” and “Non-DCAS Teacher”. The amendments are addressing policy changes for the 2011-2012 school year, including provisions related to the summative rating determination, pattern of ineffective teaching, and improvement plans.

107A Specialist Appraisal Process Delaware Performance Appraisal System (DPAS II) Revised (For Discussion)

The Secretary of Education is seeking the consent of the State Board of Education to amend 14 DE Admin. Code 107A Specialist Appraisal Process Delaware Performance Appraisal System (DPAS II) Revised. The amendments are addressing policy changes for the 2011-2012 school year, including provisions related to the summative rating determination, pattern of ineffective teaching, and improvement plans.

108A Administrator Appraisal Process Delaware Performance Appraisal System (DPAS II) Revised (For Discussion)

The Secretary of Education is seeking the consent of the State Board of Education to amend 14 DE Admin. Code 108A Administrator Appraisal Process Delaware

Performance Appraisal System (DPAS II) Revised. The amendments are related to improvement plans and “Pattern of Ineffective Administrative Performance.” There is also a clarification in section 6.2.1.

These amendments have been published for comment. Ms. Donohue and Dr. Hodges outlined the proposed amendment changes.

Charter Schools

Mr. Dan Cruce, Deputy Secretary of Education/Chief of Staff, and John Carwell, Education Associate for Charter Schools, presented the Charter School items.

Dr. Gray noted that as she mentioned earlier, the application for Newark Charter School would be addressed first.

Application to Modify an Existing Charter: Newark Charter School

Secretary Lowery explained to the State Board that she was not making a recommendation today on the modification application for Newark Charter School. She noted that there have been some issues and concerns raised on the modification request and she noted the volume of the record which the Board also received. Dr. Lowery explained that she would like more time to review the record and stated that a recommendation would be made within a 30 day time period. Secretary Lowery acknowledged that the Newark Charter School is a high performing school that is doing great work with its students and this modification will add a secondary school at another location and almost double the number of students. The 30 day time period will ensure that all issues are considered and the modification request will be brought before the Board at its April meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Coverdale to table the action to consider the Modification Request for Newark Charter School. The motion was seconded by Dr. Whittaker and carried unanimously with the following vote recorded:

Ayes:	Nays:
Dr. Gray	None.
Mr. Melendez	
Mr. Coverdale	
Mr. Heffernan	
Mrs. Rutt	
Dr. Whittaker	
Dr. Wilson	

Before proceeding with the next item, Mr. Heffernan stated that he would like to ask if there was any update on the performance agreement for East Side Charter School. He asked about the achievement levels of East Side students meeting the state average. It was noted that the East Side students in 7th grade math did meet the state standard but data provided by Mr. Heffernan showed the school's scores for other grades fell below the state average. It was noted that East Side is not the lowest performing charter school but Mr. Heffernan explained that the State Board has a responsibility for overseeing the charter schools. It is a role he takes seriously. The meets or exceeds state average is in regulation and he expressed his dismay that the new charter performance frameworks were not yet completed as discussed last November and again in February. He spoke of the lack of consistency for enforcing the performance agreements of charter schools.

Dr. Gray told Board members to keep asking about the status of framework to help the Board stay focused. She hoped that the performance framework would be completed by June 30th and noted that for the Board student achievement is first and they are not interested in closing schools, but in providing high quality public schools and assisting schools in reaching that status. There was discussion on the Board following through on the consequences of conditions placed on charter schools.

**Application to Modify an Existing Charter:
Campus Community School
(For Action)**

The Board of Directors of this school submitted a Modification Application before the deadline of December 31, 2011 seeking approval to add kindergarten and phase out high school. The Charter School Accountability Committee has issued its

reports on the application and a public hearing on the application was conducted on March 7, 2012.

The school is reconfiguring its grade levels and moving the elementary school to the site of the current high school, which is being closed. Wesley College notified the charter school over two years ago that the space that has been provided for the elementary school would no longer be available for their use and additional school space would need to be located by Campus Community School. It was noted that Campus Community School was renewed last year with conditions. There was discussion on the low performance of the high school's students and how the charter school now wished to add a new grade.

The Secretary recommended that after reviewing the record in this matter as required, including the transcript of the public hearing, to accept the recommendation of the Charter School Accountability Committee and approve the modification request of Campus Community School with the conditions listed in the Final Report, which adds that a monthly financial report in a format determined by the Department be submitted and that this report compare expenditures to the budget. This report will be due on the third Monday of each month.

A motion was made by Mrs. Rutt that based on the record and consideration of the Secretary's approval, the Board assents to the approval of Campus Community School's application to modify its charter to add kindergarten and phase out high school and subject to the conditions presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melendez. The motion did not pass. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes:

Mr. Melendez

Mrs. Rutt

Nays:

Dr. Gray

Mr. Coverdale

Mr. Heffernan

Dr. Whittaker

Dr. Wilson

**Application to Modify an Existing Charter: Delaware Academy
of Public Safety and Security
(For Action)**

The Board of Directors of this school submitted a Modification Application before the deadline of December 31, 2011 seeking approval to decrease the school's enrollment from 800 students to 480 students. The Charter School Accountability Committee has issued its reports on the application and a public hearing on the application was conducted on March 7, 2012. Conditions were attached to the Charter School Accountability Committee's recommendation. The conditions were in reference to the Educational Program and Economic Viability.

The Secretary recommended that after reviewing the record in this matter as required, including the transcript of the public hearing, to accept the recommendation of the Charter School Accountability Committee and approve the modification request of Delaware Academy of Public Safety and Security with the conditions listed in the Final Report.

A motion was made by Mr. Coverdale that based on the record and consideration of the Secretary's approval, the Board assents to the approval of Delaware Academy of Public Safety and Security's application to modify its charter to decrease enrollment from 800 students to 480 students. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wilson and carried with the following vote recorded:

Ayes:	Nays:
Dr. Gray	None.
Mr. Melendez	
Mr. Coverdale	
Mr. Heffernan	
Mrs. Rutt	
Dr. Whittaker	
Dr. Wilson	

**Application to Modify an Existing Charter: Odyssey Charter School
(For Action)**

The Board of Directors of this school submitted a Modification Application seeking approval to increase enrollment within 15% of its authorized enrollment. This

modification falls within the range for a minor modification, as defined by DOE Regulation 275 9.9.1.7 and was not referred to the Charter School Accountability Committee. The change in enrollment levels the numbers of students at each grade. It was also noted that the enrollment change was only 4% of its total enrollment.

The Secretary recommended that the State Board approve the modification request of Odyssey Charter School.

A motion was made by Dr. Whittaker to assent to the approval of the Secretary's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melendez. It was then noticed that a condition had been placed on the approval of the minor modification and it was included in the correspondence sent to the school on February 14, 2012. The Secretary amended her recommendation to include that condition. A motion was made by Mr. Melendez to withdraw the motion on the table. That motion was seconded by Mr. Coverdale and carried unanimously.

The Secretary recommended that the State Board approve the modification request of Odyssey Charter School with the condition presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Coverdale that based on the review of the record and consideration of the Secretary's approval, the Board assents to the approval of the application for modification to increase enrollment within 15% of its authorized enrollment, which is a minor modification under the applicable regulations. This approval is subject to the presented condition. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heffernan and carried with the following vote recorded:

Ayes:	Nays:
Dr. Gray	None.
Mr. Melendez	
Mr. Coverdale	
Mr. Heffernan	
Mrs. Rutt	
Dr. Whittaker	
Dr. Wilson	

Charter Schools Update (For Information)

The Board received the monthly update on charter schools.

Appeals and Reviews

Catherine Hickey, Deputy Attorney General and State Board legal counsel, requested that the State Board enter into Executive Session to consider the appeal matter as it contained the student's pupil file.

A motion was made by Mr. Heffernan for the State Board to go into Executive Session to consider the appeal which will include the student's pupil file. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coverdale and carried with the following vote recorded:

Ayes:	Nays:
Dr. Gray	None.
Mr. Melendez	
Mr. Coverdale	
Mr. Heffernan	
Mrs. Rutt	
Dr. Whittaker	
Dr. Wilson	

The State Board went into Executive Session at 4:52 p.m. and returned to open session on a motion by Mrs. Rutt at 5:05 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wilson and carried unanimously.

L.C. v. DIAA (SBE 2011-14) (For Action)

The State Board was asked to consider the proposed decision and order of the hearing officer in this appeal. A motion was made by Mr. Heffernan that the State Board having read and considered the record of the proceedings below (including the hearing transcript), any submissions to the hearing officer, the Proposed Order and it appearing that the decision is fully supported by the record, free of error, and otherwise within the Board's powers, that the Proposed Order of the Hearing Officer be accepted and adopted as the Decision and Order of the State Board of Education.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Coverdale and carried with the following voice vote recorded:

Ayes:	Nays:
Dr. Gray	None.
Mr. Melendez	
Mr. Coverdale	
Mr. Heffernan	
Mrs. Rutt	
Dr. Whittaker	
Dr. Wilson	

The Board signed the appropriate Order.

Adjournment

Dr. Gray pointed out the information items in the State Board agenda.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian M. Lowery
Executive Secretary and
Secretary of Education/

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Heffernan for the State Board to go into Executive Session to consider the appeal which will include the student's pupil file. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coverdale and carried with the following vote recorded:

Ayes:	Nays:
Dr. Gray	None.
Mr. Melendez	
Mr. Coverdale	
Mr. Heffernan	
Mrs. Rutt	
Dr. Whittaker	
Dr. Wilson	

The State Board went into Executive Session at 4:52 p.m. The Board discussed the appeals with Catherine Hickey, Deputy Attorney General and legal counsel for the State Board. The Board returned to open session on a motion by Mrs. Rutt at 5:05 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wilson and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian M. Lowery
Executive Secretary and
Secretary of Education/